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NEWS RELEASE

On 9-28-05, the Oxford Resident Trooper's Office and staff members of the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addictions Services, Tobacco Prevention and Enforcement Program, conducted unannounced compliance inspections of establishments that sell Tobacco products. The inspections were performed in an effort to determine compliance with state laws concerning the prohibition of the sale of cigerettes and/or tobacco products to youth under the age of eighteen.

Under the direction and supervision of DMHAS investigators, an under age youth, employed by the Tobacco prevention and enforcement program, entered the establishments and attempted to purchase tobacco products.

A total of 4 unannounced compliance inspections were conducted. Of this total, 2 establishments were found to have violated the Connecticut General Statute, Sec 53-344(b), Sale of Tobacco to minors under eighteen. The offending clerks at these establishments were issued infractions in the amount of \$200.00

The cigarette Dealer License holder of each establishment also faces additional administrative sanctions from the Department of Revenue Services, the state agency that issues Cigarette Dealer Licenses.

The establishments found to be in violation were: The Mobil station at 1 Oxford Rd. Oxford, Ct 06478 Starfoof Mart (Global Gas) 357 Oxford Rd. Oxford, Ct 06478

It should be noted the inspections of these establishments were found to be in compliance:

Sam's Smoke Junction 71 Oxford Rd. Oxford, Ct 06478
New Spirit of 67 Package Store 246 Oxford Rd. Oxford, Ct 06478

TOTAL P.01